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SUBJ: OCCIDENTAL GROUP INTERESTED IN KUWAIT CRUDE

1. GROUP FROM OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JUNE 19 TO BRIEF HIM ON TALKS HERE RE PURCHASE KUWAITI CRUDE. GROUP LED BY WASHINGTON LAWYER RICHARD SHADYAC HAD MEETINGS ARRANGED BY KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO US SHAIKH SALEM AND IS SEEING MINISTERS DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ADDITION TO ATIQUI AND OTHER GOK AND KNPC OFFICIALS.
2. GOK TOLD OCCIDENTAL GROUP IT WILLING CONSIDER POSSIBLE SALES QTE IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS UNQTE SUGGESTING KUWAITIS HOPE BY THEN TO HAVE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RATIFIED. THIS SIMILAR TO POSITION TAKEN BY GOK IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER POTENTIAL PURCHASERS KUWAITI CRUDE. FYI WE NOTE INCREASING NUMBER US BUYERS HERE OVER LAST WEEK OR SO THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN THE CASE. THESE INCLUDE CITGO AND MAJOR GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY IN ADDITION TO OCCIDENTAL. END FYI
3. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED OCCIDENTAL GROUP CONSIDER WORKING OUT DEAL WITH QATAR AND NOTED SHAIKH KHALIFA'S INTEREST IN ATTRACTING

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REPUTABLE COMPANY TO EXPLORE ON SHORE. OCCIDENTAL GROUP SEEMED UNINTERESTED HOWEVER.

4. CONVERSATION ALSO TOUCHED ON OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SHARJA. OCCIDENTAL REP STATED WELL- KNOWN OXY POSITION THAT COMPANY WILL CONSIDER ANY SHARJA CRUDE MARKETED BY BUTTES AS HOT OIL AND WILL INITIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PURCHASERS OF SHARJA CRUDE. MOREOVER, HE SAID, IRAN HAD BINDING AGREEMENT WITH OCCIDENTAL AND IF NEED BY COMPANY WOULD ATTACH GOI PROPERTY IN US TO SATISFY CLAIMS. AMBASSADOR URGED OCCIDENTAL CONSIDER MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM. COMPANY REP SUGGESTED OCCIDENTAL WOULD LIKE PARTICIPATE IN SHARJA PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO THINK THIS ALTERNATIVE HAD LITTLE CHANCE GETTING ANYWHERE AND THAT OCCIDENTAL DID NOT KNOW WHAT IT COULD DO EXCEPT TO PURSUE LEGAL REMEDIES.
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